

Surah 94 Surah Inshiraah

THE EXPANDING

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH INSHIRAAH AND SURAH DUHA

Whereas *Surah Duha* consoled *Rasulullaah* ﷺ when the *Mushrikeen* rejected his *Dawah* to them. *Surah Inshiraah* consoles the *Mu'mineen* because the *Mushrikeen* taunted them also for being the poor in their community.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The opening four verses of the *Surah* state that Allaah opened *Rasulullaah* ﷺ's heart to contain *Islaam* and kept *kufr* and *Shirk* far away from him. Allaah then says, “(Always bear in mind that) **There is certainly ease** (in this world and certainly in the *Aakhirah*) **after every difficulty** (of this world). **Without doubt, there is ease after every difficulty.**” In these verses Allaah assures the *Mu'mineen* that He will reduce their difficulties.

The concluding verses of the *Surah* urge the *Mu'mineen* that they should not be engrossed in worldly wealth, but should devote their attention to Allaah.

سُورَةُ الْإِنشِرَاحِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ ثَمَانِي آيَاتٍ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ ۖ

1. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) **Did We not expand your chest (breast) for you** (by increasing your knowledge and granting you the ability to endure the harassment of the Kuffaar) ?

وَوَضَعْنَا عَنْكَ وِزْرَكَ ۖ

2. And did We not relieve you of your burden...

الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ ۖ

3. ...that was breaking your back? (Because of his extraordinary piety, Rasulullaah ﷺ regarded the human mistakes that he sometimes made as serious violations. This was naturally very burdensome for him. By granting him total forgiveness for every single past and future slips, Allaah removed from Rasulullaah ﷺ this burden conscience.)

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ ۖ

4. And We have elevated your mention (the esteem with which people hold you). (Rasulullaah ﷺ's name is mentioned together with Allaah's name in the Kalimah, the Adhaan, the Iqaamah, in sermons and in the introductions of all Islaamic talks and books. When Rasulullaah ﷺ was taken on Mi'raaj, his name was even on the lips of the angels in the heavens. All the previous scriptures contained mention of Rasulullaah ﷺ and all the Ambiyaa' ﷺ were commanded to inform their people about the coming of Rasulullaah ﷺ. In the Aakhirah, Rasulullaah ﷺ will enjoy the highest position among Allaah's creation when he attains the status of "Maqaam Mahmood" [see verse 79 of Surah 17]. His fame will then be known to all of Allaah's creation.)

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ۖ

5. (Always bear in mind that) **There is certainly ease** (in this world and certainly in the Aakhirah) **after every difficulty** (of this world).

إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ۖ

6. Without doubt, there is ease after every difficulty.

فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ ۖ

7. So when you have completed *(the task of propagating Islaam during the day)*, **then exert yourself** *(in other forms of Ibaadah during the night)*...

وَالِى رَّبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ ۚ

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8....and turn *(your heart)* **to your Rabb** *(asking for your needs only from Him)*.